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TRADE BY COUNTRY[1]

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the rise in United States exports of domestic and foreign merchandise, including Special Category commodities, from $1,334.4 million in April to $1,462.7 million in May resulted from increased exports to all continents except South America and Africa. During the same period, the decline in general imports from $932.7 to $834.8 million reflected decreased imports from all continents. Total exports to Western Europe advanced from $415.9 to $529.1 million while total exports to Latin American Republics declined from $327.2 to $325.8 million. Meanwhile, general imports from Western Europe fell from $170.2 to $147.1 million and general imports from Latin American Republics dropped from $290.5 to $257.2 million.

EXPORTS, EXCLUDING SPECIAL CATEGORY COMMODITIES

From April to May, exports of domestic and foreign merchandise, excluding Special Category commodities, advanced from $1,115.5 to $1,184.7 million. Exports to O.E.E.C. countries climbed from $257.2 to $289.1 million and exports to Latin American Republics rose from $306.0 to $314.1 million. During the same period, the rise in exports to Europe from $271.3 to $312.0 million reflected increased exports to Italy from $37.4 to $47.5 million, West Germany from $22.1 to $31.2 million and Yugoslovia from $5.4 to $12.3 million. The increase in exports to North America from $389.4 to $422.0 million was largely the result of a rise in exports to Canada from $242.1 to $264.7 million and Mexico from $59.0 to $65.8 million. Exports to Asia rose from $200.5 million in April to $203.9 million in May, principally as a result of a climb in exports to Japan from $63.5 to $77.7 million. However, this increase was partially offset by a fall in exports to India from $44.7 to $34.0 million. Exports to Australia and Oceania showed a slight increase from $19.7 to $21.5 million. Exports to New Zealand advanced from $2.0 to $6.1 million while exports to Australia declined from $17.3 to $14.2 million. Meanwhile, exports to Africa dropped from $58.6 to $50.8 million reflecting decreased exports to Egypt from $10.3 to $5.0 million.

IMPORTS

From April to May, the decline in imports from South America from $173.7 to $148.4 million was due principally to decreased imports from Brazil from $66.9 to $48.2 million and Colombia from $28.1 to $21.7 million. Meanwhile, the decline in imports from Europe from $174.4 to $149.3 million reflected a decrease in imports from most of the individual countries of this continent, of which, the fall in imports from Belgium and Luxembourg from $18.1 to $12.9 million was the most significant. Imports from Asia decreased from $168.3 million in April to $144.9 million in May. This decrease was largely the result of a decline in imports from British Malaya from $42.3 to $27.8 million. Imports from Africa fell from $56.1 million in April to $43.4 million in May. Imports from Australia and Oceania, which decreased from $34.8 to $24.0 million, during the same period, reflected a decline in imports from Australia from $21.9 to $15.7 million and New Zealand from $12.3 to $8.3 million. A slight decrease was shown in imports from North America from $325.4 million in April to $324.8 million in May. The most noticeable changes which occurred in imports from the individual countries of this continent were as follows: El Salvador dropped from $9.1 to $3.7 million, Mexico decreased from $37.5 to $32.8 million, Cuba rose from $47.5 to $57.1 million and Canada increased from $189.5 to $195.5 million.

[1]Country of destination detail is not reported in export statistics for Special Category commodities beginning July 1950, for security reasons. For certain areas, export totals include Special Categories, as mentioned in the text above and as shown at the beginning of the table on page 3. Export figures for other areas and countries represent total exports less exports of Special category commodities. See the January 1952 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for further explanation and list of Special Category commodities.

Prepared in the Bureau of the Census, Foreign Trade Division

COVERAGE

Export statistics include, with certain exceptions, data on all shipments of merchandise to foreign countries from continental United States, Puerto Rico, and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii. They do not include shipments to the United States armed forces abroad for their own use. Import statistics include, with certain exceptions, data on imports of merchandise from foreign countries into continental United States, Puerto Rico, and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii. Neither the import nor export statistics include shipments between continental United States and its territories and possessions, or between the territories and possessions. See Foreword to Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States for complete statement.

None of the export or import figures has been adjusted for changes in price level.

Foreign Trade Reports of the Bureau of the Census

Summary reports showing monthly data on the trade of the United States with foreign countries are issued as follows:

FT-900 - Overall total export and import data; no commodity or country data.
FT-930 - Exports and imports by economic classes and leading commodities; no country data.
FT-950 - Exports and imports by countries of destination and origin; no commodity data.
FT-970 - Foreign trade by United States Customs Districts; no commodity or country data.
FT-972 - Water-borne foreign trade by United States Customs Districts and ports; no commodity or country data.
FT-973 - Water-borne foreign trade by trade areas; no commodity or country data.
FT-976 - Department of Defense controlled cargo under United States foreign aid programs and "Special Category" non-Department of Defense controlled cargo exported by vessel, by port of lading; no commodity data.
FT-981 - Shipping weight and dollar value of merchandise laden on and unladen from vessels at United States ports during the in-transit movement of the merchandise from one foreign country to another; no commodity or country data.

Additional detailed commodity and country data are available in the form of other FT reports. A catalog of such reports may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION AND UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS

(Value in millions of dollars. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified.)

Continent and country[1]	Exports				General imports			
	May 1952	April 1952	May 1951	Monthly average 1951	May 1952	April 1952	May 1951	Monthly average 1951
Total trade including Special Categories[1]	[2]1,462.7	[3]1,334.4	1,354.3	1,252.5	834.8	932.7	1,017.7	913.7
Western Europe	529.1	415.9	508.0	425.6	147.1	170.2	191.2	170.9
Dependencies of Western Europe	51.4	50.2	45.1	42.1	83.5	103.5	87.8	84.3
Canada	283.8	264.1	264.4	224.4	195.5	189.5	202.1	189.6
Latin American Republics	325.8	327.2	310.4	311.8	257.2	290.5	291.6	278.9
All other countries	272.5	277.1	226.2	248.6	151.4	179.0	244.9	190.0
Total Special Categories[1]	278.0	218.9	172.9	130.8	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
Type 1	260.0	193.8	152.6	109.8	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
Type 2	18.0	25.1	20.3	21.0	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
Net total excluding Special Categories[1]	1,184.7	1,115.5	1,181.4	1,121.7	834.8	932.7	1,017.7	913.7
O.E.E.C. countries	289.1	257.2	350.6	318.4	138.1	160.0	177.6	159.4
Latin American Republics	314.1	306.0	300.6	300.6	257.2	290.5	291.6	278.9
Sterling area countries	159.2	167.4	160.2	183.8	157.6	192.9	216.4	181.6
North America	422.0	389.4	395.7	357.6	324.8	325.4	301.5	291.5
[d]Greenland	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1	.....	0.2
Canada (incl. Newfndland and Labr)	264.7	242.1	255.6	215.6	195.5	189.5	202.1	189.6
[d]Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)
[a]Mexico	65.8	59.0	61.0	59.3	32.8	37.5	26.4	27.2
[a]Guatemala	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7	6.0	4.6	5.4
[b,d]British Honduras	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
[a]El Salvador	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.7	9.1	4.7	5.3
[a]Honduras	4.0	3.9	2.7	2.8	2.2	3.7	3.2	2.0
[a]Nicaragua	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.7	2.8	1.7
[a]Costa Rica	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.6	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.3
[a]Republic of Panama	8.4	5.3	4.0	3.9	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.0
Canal Zone	1.8	2.4	2.9	2.4	0.3	0.5	(*)	0.2
[b,d]Bermuda	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
[b,d]Bahamas	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
[a]Cuba	43.8	44.0	40.8	45.0	57.1	47.5	33.0	34.8
[b,d]Jamaica	1.9	1.7	1.1	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
[a]Haiti	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.4	2.3	3.2	2.6	2.7
[a]Dominican Republic	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.2	4.2	5.0	4.1
[b,d]Leeward and Windward Islands	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
[b,d]Barbados	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
[b,d]Trinidad and Tobago	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.7	1.7	0.6	0.5	0.9
[d]Netherlands Antilles	8.6	8.4	4.9	5.7	15.7	15.6	12.6	13.3
[d]French West Indies	0.3	0.1	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.2	(*)
South America	174.5	175.9	174.2	172.4	148.4	173.7	207.6	193.9
[a]Colombia	21.2	18.3	20.8	18.7	21.7	28.1	27.2	30.2
[a]Venezuela	44.5	45.0	38.5	38.0	32.9	35.7	31.0	27.0
[b,d]British Guiana	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
[d]Surinam	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.3
[d]French Guiana	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)
[a]Ecuador	3.8	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.2	2.2	3.0
[a]Peru	12.0	8.6	9.7	9.6	5.9	5.5	7.5	5.1
[a]Bolivia	4.2	4.2	3.3	3.3	2.3	2.8	2.2	4.3
[a]Chile	12.2	11.1	16.2	13.8	16.3	15.1	22.1	17.0
[a]Brazil	57.8	65.6	54.6	58.3	48.2	66.9	68.5	75.9
[a]Paraguay	0.6	1.5	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.6
[a]Uruguay	2.9	4.7	6.3	7.0	5.7	3.0	14.5	11.3
[a]Argentina	13.4	13.2	20.2	19.4	9.2	10.9	30.0	18.3
[b,d]Falkland Islands	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)	.....	.....	.....	(*)
Europe	312.0	271.3	374.4	341.4	149.3	174.4	196.4	176.5
[b,c,e]Iceland	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.7
[c,e]Sweden	9.8	8.0	15.4	11.2	6.7	5.3	7.7	8.7
[c,e]Norway	5.5	8.2	8.4	7.4	4.3	4.9	8.2	4.1
[c,e]Denmark	4.8	2.4	6.3	5.5	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.7
[b,c,e]United Kingdom	54.2	56.4	56.4	75.1	43.4	47.3	45.7	38.8
[b,c,e]Ireland (Eire)	1.7	1.9	5.5	4.4	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.6
[c,e]Netherlands	28.6	24.5	28.9	23.9	12.8	17.6	10.1	9.8
[c,e]Belgium and Luxembourg	25.7	22.9	27.3	31.4	12.9	18.1	19.3	18.0
[c,e]France	36.3	34.5	36.5	35.3	11.2	14.0	28.1	22.0
[c,e]West Germany[4]	31.2	22.1	} 40.2	43.3	} 15.7	14.6	} 21.4	19.4
East Germany[4]	(*)	(*)			0.3	0.3		
[c,e]Austria	10.2	7.6	13.3	8.9	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.2
Czechoslovakia	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.1	1.9
Hungary	(*)	(*)	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2
[c,e]Switzerland	13.2	14.1	17.0	16.0	8.8	11.7	10.2	11.2
[c]Finland	4.1	3.7	1.8	2.8	2.2	2.0	8.4	4.7
Estonia	.....	.....	.....	(*)	.....	.....	.....	.....
Latvia	.....	.....	.....	(*)	.....	.....	.....	(*)
Lithuania	.....	.....	.....	(*)	.....	(*)	.....	.....
Poland and Danzig	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.9
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.8	2.2	1.6	2.3
[d]Azores	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
[c]Spain	5.3	4.8	7.2	9.3	4.9	4.7	4.1	5.0
[c,e]Portugal	2.1	3.0	4.3	3.3	2.5	4.3	1.8	2.3
[b,d]Gibraltar	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.2	.....	(*)	.....	(*)
[b,d]Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus	1.1	0.1	1.0	0.5	(*)	0.2	0.1	0.3
[c,e]Italy	47.5	37.4	72.2	38.0	10.7	12.4	11.0	11.7
[c,e]Free Territory of Trieste	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
[c]Yugoslavia	12.3	5.4	12.7	10.0	1.9	3.5	1.2	1.8
Albania	.....	.....	(*)	(*)	.....	.....	.....	(*)
[c,e]Greece	10.8	7.2	10.7	8.1	0.7	2.6	2.2	1.7
Rumania	.....	.....	0.2	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Bulgaria	.....	.....	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
[c,e]Turkey	5.5	4.7	6.8	5.0	4.2	2.5	6.8	6.4

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Continent and country[1]	Exports				General imports			
	May 1952	April 1952	May 1951	Monthly average 1951	May 1952	April 1952	May 1951	Monthly average 1951
Asia	203.9	200.5	168.4	181.6	144.9	168.3	172.9	165.1
Syria	1.1	1.1	2.3	1.8	0.4	0.5	4.4	2.0
Lebanon	2.4	1.2	1.6	2.3	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.7
[b] Iraq (Mesopotamia)	1.9	1.2	2.4	2.4	0.6	0.6	2.4	1.6
Iran (Persia)	1.1	0.7	2.8	2.9	1.9	2.5	4.9	2.9
Israel and Palestine	8.9	9.3	6.7	9.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0
[b] Jordan	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	(*)	.....	.....	(*)
[b,d] Kuwait	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.5	4.3	2.3	2.5	2.8
Saudi Arabia	10.5	6.2	3.6	4.4	3.4	3.3	3.7	2.5
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2
[b,d] Aden	0.3	0.5	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
[b,d] State of Bahrein	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.4	2.1	2.7	2.6	2.0
[b] India	34.0	44.7	30.8	38.6	22.1	25.6	25.9	24.7
[b] Pakistan	2.7	2.7	4.7	3.1	3.3	1.8	6.2	3.7
Nepal[5]	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.1	0.2	.....	.....
[b] Ceylon	5.0	1.5	3.1	1.6	2.9	4.1	2.4	4.1
[b] Burma	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.1	6.9	11.9	10.0	11.5
Indochina[6]	2.5	3.2	2.5	2.2	0.6	1.5	0.3	1.2
[b,d] British Malaya	3.2	3.2	4.3	4.8	27.8	42.3	24.6	35.5
Indonesia	9.9	10.0	15.3	13.5	23.4	28.1	19.5	22.2
Republic of the Philippines	21.4	21.2	24.0	29.2	22.3	16.6	30.4	23.6
[d] Portuguese Asia	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.[5]	(*)	0.1	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	.....	.....	(*)	2.3	3.7	2.9	3.9
North Korea[7]	(*)	(*)	} 0.8	3.7 {	.....	.....	} (*)	0.2
Republic of Korea[7]	6.9	17.7			1.0	1.3		
[b,d] Hong Kong	2.1	2.3	3.6	2.4	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.8
Taiwan (Formosa)	4.7	3.7	2.6	3.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5
Japan	77.7	63.5	51.1	49.8	16.1	14.9	26.8	17.2
Australia and Oceania	21.5	19.7	9.8	20.3	24.0	34.8	63.0	37.5
[b] Australia	14.2	17.3	8.2	14.8	15.7	21.9	62.0	29.2
[b] New Guinea	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
[b] New Zealand	6.1	2.0	0.7	4.9	8.3	12.3	0.8	8.1
[b,d] British Western Pacific Islands	0.1	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)	.....	0.1	(*)
[d] French Pacific Islands	1.0	0.1	0.7	0.5	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.2
Western Pacific Islands, n.e.c.	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.5	(*)	(*)
Africa	50.8	58.6	59.0	48.4	43.4	56.1	76.2	49.1
[d] French Morocco	3.0	3.1	2.7	2.6	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.6
Tangier	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.2	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
[d] Algeria	2.9	4.7	1.7	1.9	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.6
[d] Tunisia	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
[b] Libya	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Egypt	5.0	10.3	8.1	6.5	2.4	3.0	12.9	3.9
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	0.5
[d] Canary Islands	(*)	1.2	0.9	0.3	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
[d] Spanish Africa, n.e.c.	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	(*)	(*)
[d] Cameroon	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.5	2.1	1.4	1.5	0.3
[d] French Equatorial Africa	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.4	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
[d] French West Africa	1.2	0.7	1.2	1.0	1.8	2.8	2.4	0.4
[b,d] Gold Coast	0.9	1.3	0.6	0.6	7.9	3.5	11.2	7.4
[b,d] Nigeria	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	3.8	6.9	9.0	4.1
[b,d] British West Africa, n.e.c.	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
[d] Madeira Islands	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
[d] Angola	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.8	2.0	3.3	2.0
[d] Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8	1.7	0.1	0.2
Liberia	1.1	1.3	0.9	1.8	2.1	3.4	2.6	3.7
[d] Belgian Congo	8.3	6.6	5.8	5.0	4.4	8.5	6.9	5.2
Eastern Italian Africa	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.6	2.3	1.7
[d] French Somaliland	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)
[b,d] British Somaliland	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
[b,d] Seychelles and Dependencies	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	.....	(*)
[b,d] Mauritius and Dependencies	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)	.....	.....	.....	.....
[b,d] British East Africa	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.7	3.5	5.6	2.0	2.9
[d] Mozambique	1.1	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5
[d] Madagascar	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.5
[b] Union of South Africa	19.5	20.8	29.1	20.6	7.8	9.0	12.7	11.5
[b,d] Northern Rhodesia	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	(*)	3.9	3.9	1.7
[b,d] Southern Rhodesia	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.5
[b,d] Southern British Africa	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	.....	0.1	(*)

a Latin American Republics.
b Sterling area countries.
c Western Europe.
d Dependencies of Western Europe.
e O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries.
*Indicates less than $50,000.

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[2] Includes $230.6 million of Mutual Security Program shipments ($217.1 million to Western Europe).

[3] Includes $153.7 million of Mutual Security Program shipments ($139.6 million to Western Europe).

[4] West Germany and East Germany reported separately beginning January 1952.

[5] Nepal reported separately beginning January 1952; included with Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c., during 1951.

[6] Indochina reported separately beginning January 1952; data for 1951 are for French Indochina and other French possessions which were reported together and shown as French Indochina and French India during 1951.

[7] North Korea and the Republic of Korea reported separately beginning January 1952.